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1. FOLLOWING IS THE AUGUST 17 RWANDA AND BURUNDI SITREP.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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(U) THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT VIOLENCE IN BURUNDI.

DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL

(U) THE PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSED THE NATION ON AUGUST 16, CALLING FOR SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY, CONDEMNING AID BY THE EX-FAR FOR INSURGENTS IN BURUNDI, AND PLEDGING THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE CONVENTION OF GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL DEBATE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL NOT MAKE THEIR AUGUST 31 DEADLINE. HE DID NOT GIVE AN ALTERNATIVE DATE.

RWANDA

DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL

(C) THE SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED THE ARMS EMBARGO LIFT ON AUGUST 16. TECHNICALLY, THE LIFT IS A SUSPENSION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1996, WHICH WILL BECOME A LIFT UNLESS THE SECURITY COUNCIL FIRST VOTES OTHERWISE. PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE ON PRISONS STAYED IN, AS DID CALLS FOR A COMMISSION, AIRPORT MONITORS, MARKING AND REGISTRATION OF ARMS AND A PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERS TO THIRD PARTIES.

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